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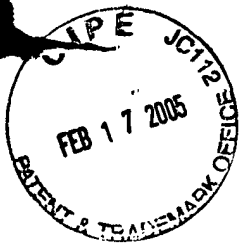
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Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

Pursuant to § 197(e)(1) of the Code of Federal Regulations the undersigned states that each item of information cited herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application are aware of the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form, and have enclosed copies of the listed documents.

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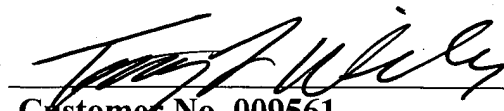
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	DE 31 07 392 A1	09/16/82	Germany				X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

			EPO Communication in counterpart foreign application 02076318.1 dated November 25, 2004 (2 pages) (citing DE 31 07 392 A1).

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